

## GRACE NOTES

### Scripture readings for next week (12/31/17)

*Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

*Isaiah 30:8-17*

*Psalm – Psalm 111*

*Psalm 90:1-12*

*Epistle Reading – Galatians 4:4-7*

*Romans 8:31b-39*

*Holy Gospel Reading – Luke 2:22-40*

*Luke 12:35-40*

### Worship Assistants

	12/24/17 Fourth Sunday in Advent	12/24/17 The Nativity of Our Lord / Christmas Eve	12/25/17 The Nativity of Our Lord / Christmas Day
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dayna VanVleet Denise Wegner	Dayna VanVleet Denise Wegner	Dayna VanVleet Denise Wegner
<b>Audio/Video</b>	Jon Chapman	Jon Chapman	Jon Chapman
<b>Duty Elders</b>	Marty Bauer Len Koelbel	Bob Nommensen	Len Koelbel James Neumann
<b>Organist</b>	Jeannine Eastley	Anita Chapman	Jeannine Eastley
<b>Counters</b>	Marty & Cheri Bauer		Marty & Cheri Bauer

	12/31/17 First Sunday after Christmas	12/31/17 New Year's Eve
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dayna VanVleet Denise Wegner	Dayna VanVleet Denise Wegner
<b>Audio/Video</b>	John Shaw	
<b>Duty Elders</b>	Jerry Grosenick Bill Sybrant	James Neumann
<b>Organist</b>	Anita Chapman	Anita Chapman
<b>Counters</b>	Marty & Cheri Bauer	

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**Today Sunday – December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ *Fourth Sunday in Advent***

8:30 am Sunday school & Adult Bible study

**10:00 am** *Divine Service*

**7:00 pm** *Christmas Eve Family Service*

**Monday – December 25<sup>th</sup> ~ *Christmas Day***

*Church Office Closed*

**10:00 am** *Divine Service*

**Tuesday – December 26<sup>th</sup>**

10:15 am Sing @ Benefis SNC

**Wednesday – December 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Nothing scheduled*

**Thursday – December 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Quilters @ Peace

10:00 am Sing @ Park Place

**Friday – December 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday – December 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Nothing scheduled*

**Next Sunday – December 31<sup>st</sup> ~ *First Sunday after Christmas***

8:30 am Sunday school & Adult Bible study

**10:00 am** *Divine Service*

**7:00 pm** *New Year's Eve Divine Service*

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**Calendar and Card Sales** - The Youth Group is selling 2018 wall and pocket calendars along with Christmas and Every Occasion cards. Prices are:

\$7 for wall calendar and cards

\$6 for pocket calendars

They will set up in the Narthex the next few Sundays or you can purchase them in the church office.

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**Offering Counters are needed** to assist the Treasurer and Assistant Treasure count and record the offerings following each Sunday service. No experience is needed. Please call the church office (452-2121) or sign-up on the Chapel doors in the Narthex if you are willing to assist.

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**Looking for an alternative web-based LCMS supported radio station?** KFUE is the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod answer. On the web at [www.kfuoam.org](http://www.kfuoam.org) they broadcast seven days a week from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm Mountain Time (times vary by month). Check them out on the web at **[www.kfuoam.org](http://www.kfuoam.org)**.

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**Lutherans for Life - December 24<sup>th</sup>** - “So celebrate that divine-human Gift who has so changed your life by His Spirit. Praise Him for His gracious forgiveness and righteousness. Praise Him as the One who will one day transform the mortal into immortality. Indeed, He who was once a baby has changed and is changing lives and will one day change His whole creation.” *Rev. David Fuerstenau, Holy Truth Lutheran Church, Ketchikan, Alaska – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** - “God gave you what you couldn’t do for yourself. What a great Christmas gift you have in the unconditional forgiveness of your sins through the person and work of your Savior Jesus Christ! Thank You, God!” *Rev. Mark Jeske, ([www.timeofgrace.org](http://www.timeofgrace.org)) – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

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**Issues Etc. – Talk Radio for the Christmas Season...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Listen the weeks of December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> - *The Hymn “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”* - Dr. Arthur Just, Concordia Theological Seminary; *Apparent Contradictions on the Genealogies of Christ* - Dr. Jeff Gibbs, Concordia Seminary; *Praetorius: Lutheran Mass for Christmas Morning* - Dr. Joseph

Herl, Concordia University Nebraska; *Jesus Presented at the Temple* - Dr. Carl Fickenscher, Concordia Theological Seminary; *The Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* - Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller, Table Talk Radio; *Top Religion Stories of 2017* - Terry Mattingly, Get Religion.

Listen at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) or on our free mobile app. Just search for "Lutheran Public Radio" in iTunes or GooglePlay.

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### **Lutheran Hour - December 31<sup>st</sup> - "Children of Promise"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook. Our identity as God's children encourages us to live in His grace, to embrace the freedom Jesus won, and to resist the ways of the world that strive to keep us captive. (Galatians 4:4-7)

Tune in on the radio or at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org). *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on **KMON, 560 AM Sundays at 7:00 am; or XM Radio 170 at 10:00 am-(EST)**.

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### **An Update on Giving**

**The offering for December 17<sup>th</sup> ~ \$3,444**

### **Comparison of Income to our Monthly budget needs ~ December**

Our Monthly budget need is \$16,070

Actual Giving to date ~ \$12,567

**Needed to meet December's obligations – \$3,503**

(2 Sunday services and 3 special services remaining)

Trinity's next payroll is scheduled for Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

Please continue to include Trinity's cash flow problem in your prayers each day. Hopefully, the Lord will bless TLC again with the \$16,070+ needed each month. Thank you to all who are so faithfully supporting God's church.

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### **A Reminder to Use Your New Offering Envelopes**

New boxes of offering envelopes for **2018 (YELLOW in color)** will be issued Thursday, December 21, 2017. The last time to use the 2017 **PINK** envelopes is the New Year's Eve Service

December 31<sup>st</sup>. **Please destroy any remaining 2017 PINK offering envelopes after December 31, 2017. Begin using the YELLOW offering envelopes WEDNESDAY, January 3, 2018.**

You are encouraged to use your offering envelopes for each church offering. Using your envelopes speeds the money counting process and ensures that you will receive credit for your contribution. If you do not place your check in an offering envelope, the person posting your contribution must look up your envelope number so proper credit can be given. **Also, please remember to write the amount of your contribution on the line provided on the front of the envelope.** This is very helpful to those counting the offering. If you are not using your envelopes at this time, please do so in the future.

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**Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary This Week**

Al ♥ Kathleen Redenbaugh (49)

December 27<sup>th</sup>

**Celebrating a Birthday This Week**

December 24<sup>th</sup>

Chris Magis

Cheyenne Sharrah

December 25<sup>th</sup>

Kyle Huestis

December 26<sup>th</sup>

Lynette Copp

Justin Lee

Ed VanVleet

December 27<sup>th</sup>

Jordan Larsen

December 28<sup>th</sup>

Ed Hickel

Kenzie Legg

December 30<sup>th</sup>

Kaden Hill

**This Week's Baptismal Anniversaries**

December 25<sup>th</sup>

Gary Somerfeld

December 26<sup>th</sup>

Hunter Hestekin

**Betty Wandke (80+)**

December 29<sup>th</sup>

Sarah Chapman

Johnathan Larsen

Caitee Miesmer

December 30<sup>th</sup>

Rachel Hill

December 31<sup>st</sup>

John Shaw

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## ***PRAYER REQUESTS***

*For prayer requests, please call the church office 452-2121  
or you can email us at [trinity@trinity-mt.org](mailto:trinity@trinity-mt.org)*

*We pray for:*

~**James Neumann**

~**Alice Irion**

~**Gary Shelden**

~**Len Koelbel**

~**Ruth Waetzig**

~**Kay Kessel**

~**Emil Neumann**

~**Sammy Phillips and baby Ezra**

~**Vanessa** (friend of Alan & Denise Wegner)

~**Peggy** (friend of Pam Grosenick)

~**Nellene Hickel** (Rachel Keeley's daughter)

~**Andrea Peters Tomjenovich** (friend of Rose & Gary Shelden)

~**Taylor Wojak** (Rose & Gary Shelden's grandson)

~**Marek & Debbe Wojak** (Shelden's son-in-law and daughter)

~**Herman Trautner** (Len Koelbel's cousin's husband)

~**Terrie Craven Green Jones**

~**Chris Wallace** (past LWML District President)

~**Jereme** (Sarah Lautenschlager's cousin)

~**Jessica Heiser**, (daughter-in-law of Ardyth Jeszenka)

~**Derek Boyce** (son of Judy & Keener Boyce)

~**Jennifer** (friend of Judy and Keener Boyce's niece)

~**Betty Adelmeyer** (Mike Adelmeyer's mother)

~**Harry & Jerry Schlehr**, (Penny Hill's brothers)

~**Kim Mansch** (Scott Mansch's sister in law)

~**Reverend Erich Kaelberer**

~**Kristal Dawson** (Jenny Shaw's sister)

*We pray God's peace and comfort for our members who continue to battle health issues and for our shut-ins:*

**Gary Adams**

**Paul Birkholz**

**Rachel Keely**

**Lydia Laubach**

**Ilene Leishman**

**Richard Mauseth**

**Evelyn McNaight**

**Emma Millet**

**Alene Morrell**

**Gladine Nehus**

**Alvina Presler** (Millie Birkholz's mother)

**Bud Quickenden**

**Ruth Schwartzenberger**

**Gordon Stach**

**Myrtle Storhaug**

**Ted Young**

*We pray for those serving in the military:*

**Jaymes Crumley USAF**

**Tech Sgt Jared Dudden USAF**

**Joshua Graham USA** (Sherrie Blomstrom's grandson-in-law)

**Clifton Grilley USN** (Gary & Janet Headington's son)

**Jared Grina USN** (Janet & Gary Headington's son-in-law)

**Steffen Meeks USA** (Sherrie Blomstrom's grandson)

**Brendan Murphy, USMC** (Gary & Sylvia Adams grandson)

**Michael Somerfeld USN** (Gary & Mary Somerfeld's son)

**Tech Sgt Tanner Tilton USAF** (Millie Birkholz's grandson)

**Senior Airman Brady Toole USAF**